

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action mailed on July 26, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and the above identified amendments have been provided to thoroughly address each of the objections and rejections provided by the examiner in that Office action. In addition, the following remarks are submitted to clarify and explain the importance of the above amendments and to support a finding by the examiner that the claims, as amended, are now in a form warranting allowance of this case. Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration by the examiner in this case.

At the outset, applicant notes from page 8 of the most recent Office action that claims 5-11, 22-25 and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has chosen to amend these claims as proposed by the examiner to place these claims in allowable form. In particular, claim 5 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 1 and to be placed in independent form. Claims 6-10 depend from claim 5, either directly or through intervening claims, and thus benefit from the amendments made to claim 5. Claim 11 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 1 and to be placed in independent form. Accordingly, claims 5-11 should now be in a form warranting allowable status.

Claim 22 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 19 and to be placed in independent form. Claims 23-25 depend from claim 22 and thus benefit from the amendments made to claim 22. Accordingly, claims 22-25 should now also be in a form warranting allowable status.

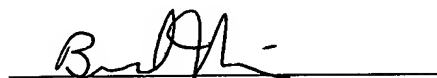
Claim 30 has been amended to include the requirements of claims 28 and 29 and to be placed in independent form. Accordingly, claim 30 should now be in a form warranting allowable status.

The examiner had rejected claims 1-4, 12-21, 28, 29 and 31-33 under either 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103 based on the teachings of the prior art. To overcome this rejection

and clear any impediments to allowance of this application, applicant has chosen to cancel claims 1-4, 12-21, 28 and 29. With regard to claims 31-33, applicant has amended these claims to depend from amended claim 30, such that they now include the requirements of amended claim 30 and should be patentably distinct from the prior art for the same reasons that claim 30 was considered to be allowable. Furthermore, by canceling claim 3 the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been addressed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon consideration, the examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, the undersigned requests that the examiner call the undersigned to set up a personal or telephone interview with the undersigned to resolve any such remaining issues.

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